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March 16, 2015

Sean Sheldrake  
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Re: February 2015 Monthly Progress Report  
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action  
U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255  
Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.32

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions taken in February 2015 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

## **1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- **February 1-28** – NW Natural collected additional distributed temperature sensing (DTS) data in the focused investigation area of the Gasco Sediments Site in accordance with the EPA-approved Work Plan dated August 25, 2014.
- **February 11** – Anchor QEA performed the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap.
- **February 12** – NW Natural and EPA discussed incorporation of information presented

in the Gasco Sediments Site draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) into the Portland Harbor Superfund Site Feasibility Study (FS), in accordance with EPA's letter to NW Natural dated June 13, 2014, and requested a meeting to explore it further.

- **February 15** – EPA notified NW Natural via email communication that EPA is not available to discuss incorporation of the draft EE/CA information into the Portland Harbor FS until late March 2015. EPA and NW Natural to discuss a meeting date and time in late March.
- **February 16** – Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.
- **February 20** – Anchor QEA and EPA performed oversight of the EPA-approved diver reconnaissance of the DTS cable burial depth associated with the DTS data collection.

## **2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED**

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A.

## **3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH**

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submit the March monthly progress report.
- Complete monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap area.
- Collect additional DTS data in the focused investigation area.

## **4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Barth, P.E.

Project Manager

**Attachments:**

Attachment A      Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

Cc:

Bob Wyatt, NW Natural

Patty Dost, Pearl Legal Group PC

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## Visual Observations Log Form

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**Date** February 11, 2015 **Project Number:** 000029-02.36 Task 4a

**Location:** NW Natural "Gasco" Site

**Project Name:** NW Natural – Gasco

**Monitoring Period:** Monthly (Year 9)— February 2015

**Time Observations Started:** February 11, 2015 @ 10:45 **Time Observation Concluded:** February 11, 2015 @ 11:45

**Weather Conditions:** Mostly cloudy, 50° Fahrenheit, northeast wind @ 0-3 knots.

**Wave Action Observations:** Very little wave action (0.0 – 0.1 feet in height)

**Photographs Taken:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Tidal Conditions:** Willamette River level on 2/11/15 ranged in elevation from 10.50 to 11.02 feet. The Willamette River level during photos was approximately 11.02 feet measured at 11:00 (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

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**Observations of Erosion/Deposition:** No erosion/deposition is evident along the shoreline. The shoreward extent of the cap was not visible due to high river water elevation and the extents of the organoclay mat material were also submerged. (Photo 1).

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**Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.)** During the observation, the Fuel and Marine Marketing (FAMM) containment boom was placed across the cap area, between the upriver corner of the ship dock and the wooden dolphin (near the upriver extent of the site and near the Siltronic Corporation outfall). Buoys that identify the cap area to mariners are in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom, warning buoys, and a general overview of the site shoreline is shown in Photo 2.

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**Other Comments:** No sheen is evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

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**Recorded by:** **Douglas Laffoon**

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Photo 1 — *River level currently above the extent of sediment cap (2/11/15):*



Photo 2 - *FAMM oil boom shown and mariner warning buoys in place across pilot cap area. (2/11/15):*





Photo 3 — *Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (2/11/15):*

